## For Immediate Implementation

## 2003 Achievement Test Addendum

Recent interpretations of No Child Left Behind (NCLB) require the following changes to be implemented immediately in the demographic data grid for Tennessee assessments.

## 1. ELL STUDENTS AND STATE ASSESSMENTS

THERE ARE NO EXEMPTIONS FOR ELL STUDENTS ON ANY STATE ASSESSMENT. The "ELL EXEMPT" BUBBLE on the student answer documents may not be used. All students enrolled in the grade being assessed at the time of a test administration must be included in the assessment. The ELL accommodations are still available for the ELL students meeting the state criteria documented by the IDEA Proficiency Test (IPT). Refer to your Testing Coordinator's manual for the criteria and testing details related to those accommodations.

## 2. STUDENT ACADEMIC YEAR MEMBERSHIP DATA AND STATE ASSESSMENTS

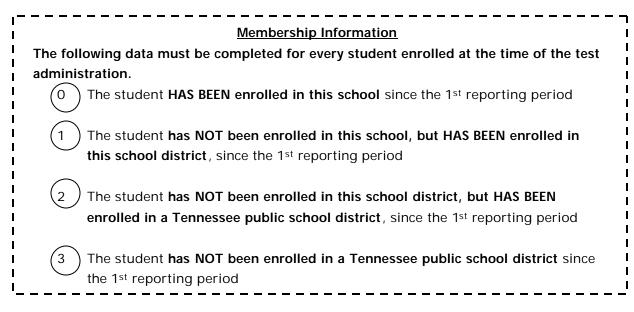
As a component of NCLB's accountability requirements, the state must gather membership information for every child required to participate in state-mandated assessments.

**TCAP Achievement Form N** (for students testing in grades 3-8 using a regular print version)

• use the **OPTIONAL CODES** data field **COLUMN 9** to gather the membership information in the Membership Information Box below

<u>TCAP Achievement Form A</u> (for students testing in grades K-2, and students in all grades using a Large Print or Braille version)

• use COLUMN J to gather the Membership Information Box below



- 3. <u>CORRECTION for TCAP Achievement Test Form A</u> (for students testing in grades K-2, and students in all grades using a Large Print or Braille version)
  - Do **NOT** use **COLUMN K** to denote **ABSENT STUDENTS** as instructed in the manuals. There is no bubble to complete for absent students. For absent students, complete the demographic data on an answer document and include them with all of the other student answer documents for processing.